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SUBJ: EARLY WARNING - CONSTRUCTION OPPORTUNITY (BRIDGE) OR
MAQTAH BRIDGE IS FALLING DOWN (BUT WILL RISE AGAIN)

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1. COMPLETED IN 1968, ABU DHABI'S STEEL, FOUR-LANE
BRIDGE OVER MAQTAH CHANNEL IS NOW IN VERY POOR CONDITION,
AND FREQUENT ROADBED FAILURES CAUSE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF
INDIVIDUAL LANES. ALTHOUGH A NEARBY SIX-LANE CONCRETE
BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY DONG AH (KOREA) IS SCHEDULED
FOR COMPLETION ON JULY 17, 1977, ABU DHABI DEPT. OF
PUBLIC WORKS IS STILL PLANNING TO REPLACE PRESENT MAQTAH
BRIDGE. NEW MAQTAH BRIDGE WILL BE SIX LANES AND IMMEDIATELY
ADJACENT TO EXISTING BRIDGE, BUT DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN
MADE WHETHER TO BUILD NEW BRIDGE OF CONCRETE OR STEEL.
CONCRETE BRIDGE WOULD OFFER SOME TECHNICAL ADVANTAGES,
BUT WELL-KNOWN GRACEFUL PROFILE OF EXISTING BRIDGE
HAS BECOME LOCAL SENTIMENTAL LANDMARK (NOT DIFFICULT
IN OTHERWISE CHARACTERLESS SCENE) AND GOOD POSSIBILITY
EXISTS THAT ABU DHABI GOV'T. WILL WANT NEW BRIDGE TO
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LOOK LIKE PRESENT ONE. CONSTRUCTION TENDERING SHOOULD
TAKE PLACE IN APPROXIMATELY NINE MONTHS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. IT IS COMMENTARY ON LOCAL SCENE THAT BRIDGES AT
MAQTAH ARE COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY AND NOTHING MORE THAN EXPENSIVE
STATUS SYMBOLS. IN MID 1960'S DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORK'S (DPW)
CONSULTANT RECOMMENDED THAT INEXPENSIVE CAUSEWAY BE BUILD ACROSS
NARROW MAQTAH CHANNEL, AND PWD ENGINEERS HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDING
SAME THING EVER SINCE. CHANNEL HAS, IN FACT, BEEN CLOSED FOR
SEVERAL MONTHS BY TEMPORARY CAUSEWAY BUILD BY DON AH TO FACILITATE
CONSTRUCTION OF ITS CONCRETE BRIDGE. BUT GOVERNMENT (READ SHAIKH
ZAYED) ATTITUDE IS THAT A MODERN STATE SHOULD HAVE BRIDGES -- AFTER
ALL, DUBAI HAS TWO OF THEM. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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